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March 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BOBBY R. INMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National Security Study Directive (NSSD 2-82)

Thank you for your letter and proposed outline for the NSSD 2 Study. I agree that a review of our capabilities to detect, analyze, and counter the hostile intelligence threat, which identifies areas that require increased resources, is necessary. However, I am concerned that your outline suggests that this review can take place separate from the comprehensive review of objectives, policies, structure, and other factors called for in NSSD 2.

In all of the NSSDs issued to date, the President has intended that they focus on fundamental issues of objectives, policy and strategy. The President intended to ask difficult and probing questions. He does not expect that all issues will necessarily be resolved in the relatively short time allotted, but he does desire that they be addressed, that strategies and processes be developed, and that a large measure of this important work be accomplished. Out of this review would come policy decisions in the form of an NSDD, which in turn, would lead to budgetary, program, and other initiatives.

For this reason, I ask that you expand your outline to include those specific items which the President has asked for in NSSD 2, including, particularly, a fundamental review of US objectives, policies, and capabilities to detect the hostile intelligence threat in its totality.

Please forward your outline to me as soon as you can so that work may begin immediately in order to meet the June 15, 1982, deadline.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

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